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 1016, 1019, 1047
 LR 231

Committee on Revenue reports LB 879 to General File with amendments, likewise with LB 973, LB 1019; and LB 956 by Revenue is reported indefinitely postponed, as is LB 970, and LB 971, and LB 972, and LB 974, and LB 1016. Natural Resources reports LB 831 and LB 832 to General File. Have an amendment to be printed by Senator Redfield to LB 1047. I have a Reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointees to committee for confirmation hearing. New resolution, LR 231 by Senator Pedersen, will be laid over. Senator McDonald has selected LB 986 as her priority bill; and hearing notices from Business and Labor, and the Urban Affairs Committee. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 480-485.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item on the bill.

CLERK: Mr. President, at this time I have nothing further pending to Senator Schimek's AM2361.

SPEAKER BROMM: We're now on the Senator Schimek amendment, AM2361. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, so that it is clear that I'm aware that there are senators who are voting for these amendments, I'm acknowledging those votes. But what I said about the cowards still stand. And some of them I'm going to make shout at the top of their lungs "not voting" before it's over, which shows the control that I have. I tell you that when you watch people on this floor you learn them and you know how to play them like a violin, and we're at that stage almost, but not quite. But each vote tells me a little more about my colleagues, and as the session goes forward I will apply that knowledge and that information. Many of my colleagues, Senator Mossey, are creatures of the second or the instant. They will feel an emotional surge and they will act on that emotional surge. I mark it well. As you get older, your brain does not deteriorate. I saw this on television last night, that the ability of those neurons to continue forming new connections and to do more networking remains intact and will continue to develop and become more efficient if the brain is viewed as a muscle is viewed. If you use it, you will increase its efficiency. So I pay attention. When it comes to issues